

CITY *Visions*

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Pedestrian Safety is a Two-Way Street

MORGAN HILL has recently witnessed a large number of injuries and fatalities on our local roads. Several accidents have involved pedestrians crossing the street.

In response to these problems, the City has heightened traffic enforcement efforts and installed fluorescent green crosswalk signs to make drivers more aware of pedestrian traffic in the Downtown. While these will have an impact, both drivers and pedestrians in Morgan Hill need to act more safely and responsibly.

There are several laws regarding a pedestrian right-of-way and the pedestrian's responsibility when crossing the street within a crosswalk.

The California Vehicle Code states, "The driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection." However, a pedestrian must use due care for his or her safety when crossing the street. A pedestrian may not leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle that is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard. This is found in Section 21950 of the Vehicle Code.

So, when you are driving, especially in the downtown area, please make sure to watch for pedestrians waiting to cross the street and stop to allow them to cross. If a pedestrian is already in the crosswalk, you **MUST** stop for him/her to cross. For people waiting to cross the street, please make sure the driver sees you before you enter the cross walk to cross the street.

The Traffic Unit has been working in the downtown area looking for these types of violations, along with speeders. The speed limit in the downtown area is posted 25 MPH. Please drive the speed limit, look for pedestrians crossing the street.

Article by Traffic Officer Stacey Thornburg, 776-7300, and Anthony Eulo, Assistant To The City Manager, 779-7247 or teulo@morgan-hill.ca.gov



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OTHER ADULT RELATIONSHIPS: YOUTH SHOULD RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM THREE OR MORE NONPARENT ADULTS.

ONE GREAT WAY TO SUPPORT YOUTH IS BY TEACHING A CLASS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TEACH A SPORT, ARTS & CRAFTS, DANCING, OR ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES IN ENGLISH OR SPANISH, THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY. PLEASE CALL US AT THE COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CENTER FOR MORE INFORMATION AT 782-0008. THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT A CLASS PROPOSAL IS FEBRUARY 6TH.

ASSET OF THE MONTH
www.projectcornerstone.org

It's Claytime!

ONE OF THE most interesting aspects of our Community and Cultural Center is the dedicated ceramics room. The Poppy Jasper Ceramics room has everything needed for hours and hours of claytime fun. We have classes for both children and adults scheduled this season including:

INTRO TO CERAMICS 4 KIDS:

This is an 8 week class that will cover the basic techniques of hand building sculptures from clay. Learn to make pinch pots, candlesticks, shadow boxes and tiles.

Tuesdays, 1/13-3/2, 4-5pm, ages 10 up. Class fee: \$65/\$72 nonresident, Material fee: \$15 paid to instructor.

AFTER SCHOOL CLAY PLAY:

Come play clay with us! Learn or expand basic clay skills as you create fabulous clay art. The teacher chooses the first project and, as a class, you decide the remainder of the projects.

Ages: 6-9 years. Fridays, 4-5pm, Session 1: 1/9-2/13. Class fee: \$69/\$76 nonresident. Material fee: \$15 payable to the instructor at the first class.

CLAY TOGETHER:

Introduce you're toddler to the fabulous fun of clay. This class will stimulate your child's imagination and develop fine motor skills as you create both beautiful projects and great memories together. Parents must attend with child.

Age: 2-3 years. Fridays, Session 1: 1/9-2/13, Class 1: 9:30-10:15, or Class 2: 10:30-11:15am. Class fee: \$55/\$57 nonresident, Material fee: \$15 payable to the instructor at the first class.

CLAY AROUND:

Castles and dragons, animals and cups oh my! These are just a few of the exciting projects that we will create as we develop basic clay skills. Children will learn problem solving skills as they express themselves thorough clay.

Age: 4-5 years, Fridays, 1-2pm, Session 1: 1/9-2/13, Class fee: \$69/\$76 nonresident, Material fee: \$15 payable to the instructor at the first class.

POTTERY AND CLAY SCULPTURES

Enjoy making decorative and functional works of clay. Construct original pieces on the potter's wheel and by hand building methods. You will learn to decorate, glaze, and fire your work. No previous experience needed. Advanced students are welcomed. Best suited for ages 13 and up. Instructor: Eduardo Lazo has a Master degree in Fine Arts from Cal State, LA and has taught at the university level and privately. He is a member of the Orchard Valley Ceramics Art Guide. You may find his work at www.ovcsg.org.




Thursdays, Class Time: 7-10pm Lab: 5-7pm. Session 1. 1/8-2/12, Session 2. 2/19-4/1 or Session 3. 4/8-5/13. Class fee: \$145/\$152 nonresident per session. Material Fee: \$20 per session payable to instructor at first class, clay can be purchased from the City at \$10 per bag.

OPEN LAB CERAMICS:


Are you looking for a ceramics studio where you can work on your pottery projects or a creative evening out with the family.

Drop by Tuesdays starting 1/20-3/2 from 7-9pm, ages 10 and up (children 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult). Class fee: \$6 per evening. Material fee: \$15 paid to instructor.

For more information contact the Morgan Hill Recreation and Community Services Division at 782-0008 or drop by the Community Center located at 17000 Monterey Rd. MH and pick up a complete guide of classes. 

Article by Theresa Luggert, Recreation Supervisor, 782-0008 or Luggert@morgan-hill.ca.gov

SAND BAG AND WINTER WEATHER 101



THE SANTA Clara Valley Water District recently sponsored a seminar on Winter Storms Preparedness which it called, Winter Weather 101. Invited attendees were Emergency Services Management specialists from each city in Santa Clara Valley, members of various city and county Public Works Departments, and selected political and administrative leaders. Speakers included technical experts of the Water District, the National Weather Service and San Francisco Bay Area meteorological organizations.

The National Weather Service representatives predicted, “A mild to medium winter typical of the San Francisco Bay Area.” However, they were quick to caution that weather predictions are only fairly certain for 5-7 days. An example given was the strong rain storms of the winter of 1997-98 which were initially watched for heavy fog - but in 12 hours turned into “wet, wet weather” which resulted in flooding in several cities and towns. As some of you may recall, Anderson Dam and Reservoir produced a very photogenic waterfall on the north side, at the lower edge of the spillway leading to Coyote Creek.

In the event of severe weather moving into the Bay Area this winter, the Water District has established a sand bag storage site off Old Monterey Road, just south of the Battalion -12 Fire Services Headquarters. These “Filled Sand Bags” are free to the public but residents are encouraged to share with their neighbors—please take only 10 bags per household.

“You Fill” sandbags and a large pile of sand is available at the City’s Corporation Yard on Edes Court—suggest you also bring a shovel for quick action! No LIMIT!

As noted earlier, severe rain storms may suddenly materialize this winter – temporarily flooding streets, ditches, low spots and creeks. For the safety of you and your family, we strongly encourage you to:

1. DO NOT allow your children to play in flooded areas. The waters may hide hidden hazards.
2. DO NOT attempt to pass down flooded streets and roads or through standing pools of water.
3. DO NOT by-pass barricades on flooded streets and roads. Your vehicle may stall in the waters and a rescue by FIRST RESPONDERS may be required.

For more information on flood preparation call Emergency Services at 776-7310. In the event of flood emergencies, call the Police Department at 779-2101 or listen to local commercial radio and television stations or the Traveler’s Information Service: 1610 AM Radio, or watch the City Cable Television Channel 17.

Article by Bob Kelley, City of Morgan Hill Emergency Services & Disaster Preparedness Coordinator

MORGAN HILL COMMUNITY GUIDE

CHANNEL 17 PROGRAMMING

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

REGULAR SESSION:	1/14	7PM LIVE
	1/15	NOON REPLAY
	1/17	8PM REPLAY
	1/18	NOON REPLAY

REGULAR SESSION:	1/21	7PM LIVE
	1/22	NOON REPLAY
	1/24	8PM REPLAY
	1/25	NOON REPLAY

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

REGULAR SESSION:	1/13	7PM LIVE
	1/14	NOON REPLAY
	1/17	NOON REPLAY
	1/18	8PM REPLAY

REGULAR SESSION:	1/27	7PM LIVE
	1/28	NOON REPLAY
	1/31	NOON REPLAY
	2/01	8PM REPLAY

BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES	9:00AM & 4:30PM DAILY
	7PM MONDAY & FRIDAY

THE OLD MORGAN HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MEMORIES	10:30AM & 6:00PM DAILY
	8:30PM FRIDAY

FUGITIVE WATCH THE BAY AREA'S MOST WANTED	11:00AM & 6:30PM DAILY
	9:00PM FRIDAY

CITY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Dennis Kennedy	779-7259
Mayor Pro Tempore Hedy L. Chang	778-0511
Councilmember Larry Carr	779-9622
Councilmember Greg Sellers	778-2370
Councilmember Steve Tate	779-6992
City Clerk Irma Torrez	779-7259
City Treasurer Michael Roorda	778-3653

CITY EXECUTIVE STAFF

City Manager **J. Edward Tewes**
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Assistant To The City Manager **Anthony Eulo**
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Community Development Director **David Bischoff**
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Finance Director **Jack Dilles**
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Interim Police Chief **Bruce Cumming**
Public Works Director **Jim Ashcraft**
Recreation and Community Services Manager **Julie Spier**

CONTACTING YOUR CITY

Hours: Monday - Friday, 8AM to 5PM
Address: 17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037

Animal Control	776-7300
Building Inspection	779-7241
Business Assist. & Housing Services	776-7373
City Clerk	779-7259
City Manager	779-7271
Community & Cultural Center	782-0008
Emergency Services/Disaster Preparedness	776-7310
Environmental Programs	779-7247
Finance	779-7237
Fire Department (County Fire)	378-4010
Job Hotline	779-7276
Planning: Land Use / Zoning	779-7247
Police Administration	776-7315
Public Works	776-7337
Recreation & Community Services	782-0008
Water	779-7221
Volunteer Programs	779-7278
City Hall Fax Number	779-3117

City Website: <http://www.morgan-hill.ca.gov>

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COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY • JANUARY 18TH

City Offices Closed. Regular Garbage and Recycling Service

SAN PEDRO TRAILS GRAND OPENING • JANUARY 24TH

Join us at 10:00AM for the Grand Opening of the new San Pedro Groundwater Recharge Ponds Trails. Located at the intersection of Hill Road and San Pedro Avenue, this 29 acre "park" will be the latest and greatest spot in Morgan Hill for nature lovers to observe wildlife and stretch their legs.

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